

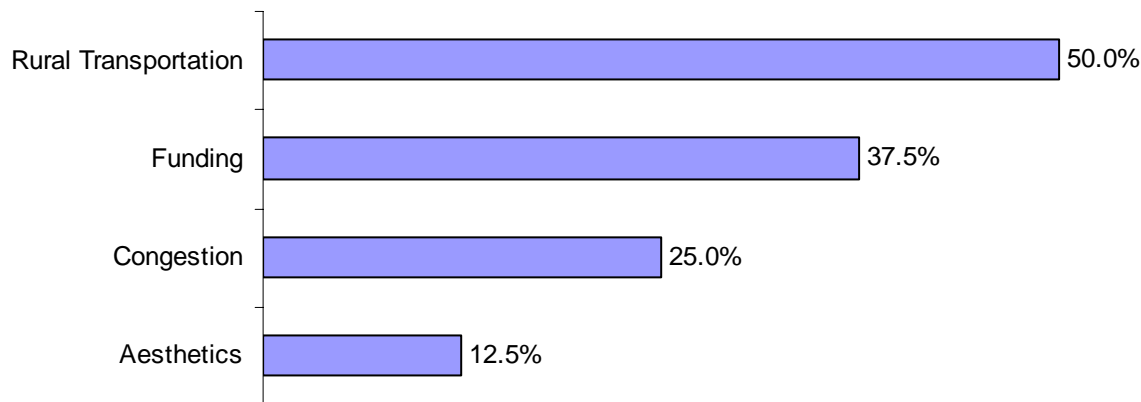
GDOT Statewide Transportation Plan (SWTP) Update Summary of Comment Form Responses June 2005 Public Meetings

The following summary highlights written responses from the comment forms received on and after the Statewide Transportation Plan Update public meetings held on June 6, 7, and 9, 2005 in Savannah, Moultrie, and Commerce, GA respectively. A total of 8 comment forms have been received as of June 23, 2005. Responses to the comment form questions are summarized below.

1) What do you think are the major transportation needs facing the state? Facing your region?

Four respondents stated that rural transportation was needed in every county in the state. Additionally, public transportation must become regional, not only county to county but state to state as well. Other respondents noted that current funding levels are inadequate and named congestion as a major transportation problem. One respondent felt that the aesthetics (the lack of trees and proliferation of billboards) along the interstate were a detriment to tourism.

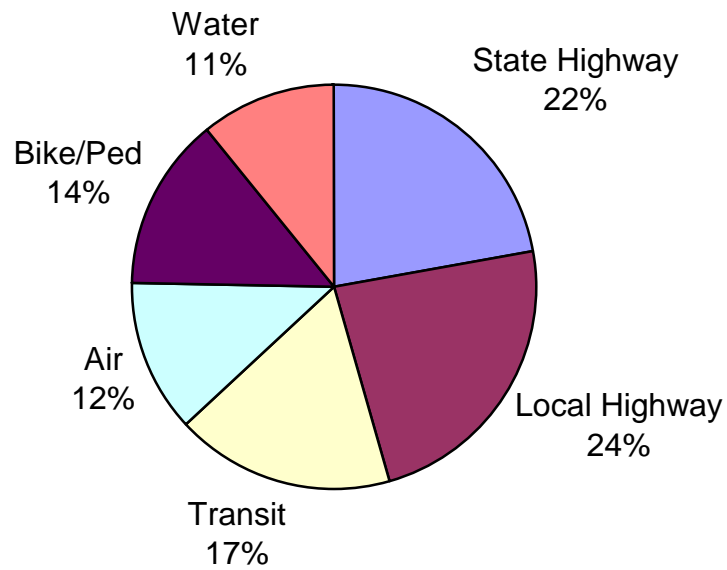
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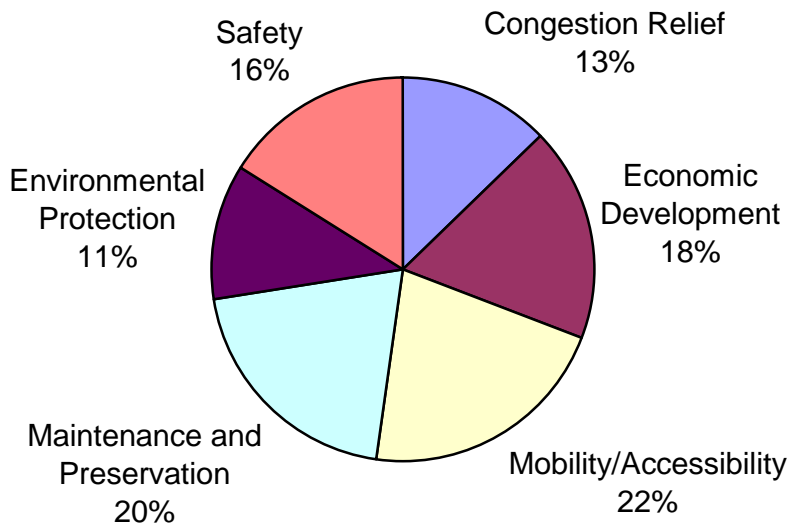
2) Please rank order your funding priorities from 1 to 6 (1=most important), by mode and by need. By Mode: State Highway, Local Highway, Transit, Air, Bike/Ped, Ports By Need: Congestion Relief, Economic Development, Mobility/Accessibility, Maintenance and Preservation, Environmental Protection, Safety.

Participants ranked some or all of the priority areas from one to six. In some cases, respondents ranked multiple top priorities. A weighting system was used to quantify the priorities based on the ranked response, with a ranking of 1 weighted as 6, a ranking of 2 weighted as 5, and so forth. The graphs on the following page illustrate the results as percentages.

Funding Priorities By Mode



Funding Priorities By Need



3) Are there any policy changes you would like to see in how the state goes about funding, managing and improving its transportation system?

Several respondents expressed concern regarding the need for additional funding for city and county roads or for rural public transportation. One participant suggested tolls on the interstate and an increase in the gas tax as means to increase funds. Another participant stressed that public transit should reflect the community's needs and should be marketed effectively as a viable alternative to driving.

4) How did you hear about tonight's meeting?

Newspaper – 1

Letter – 1

Word of mouth – 1

GDOT flyer – 1